

HOUSE RESOLUTION 256

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to elect Mr. Paul G. Summers to the nominating commission to select candidates for the Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-101(b)(3), requires the appointment of a five (5) member nominating commission to select three (3) candidates to submit to the Governor for the position of Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-101(b)(3), requires the Speaker of the House of Representatives to nominate two (2) members to serve on the commission, with full election to be made by the House of Representatives by adoption of a resolution; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-101(b)(3), provides that the Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation “shall be a person of experience and ability in the detection of crime and shall be appointed to a fixed term of office by the governor from a list of three (3) nominees submitted to the governor by a nominating commission”; and

WHEREAS, Speaker of the House of Representatives Kent Williams hereby nominates Paul G. Summers originally from Fayette County and now of Nashville to serve a six (6) year term on the nominating commission to select candidates for the Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation; and

WHEREAS, an experienced and gifted attorney, Mr. Summers ably served as Attorney General and Reporter for the State of Tennessee from 1999-2006, having previously served on the bench as Judge of the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals from 1990-1999 and as District Attorney General of the 25th Judicial District of Tennessee from 1982-1990; and

WHEREAS, currently a partner with the firm of Waller Lansden in Nashville and a Fellow with the Tennessee Bar Foundation, General Summers earned his undergraduate degree at Mississippi State University and received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Tennessee in 1974; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his busy and successful law practice, Paul Summers is the Chair of the Jason Foundation, Inc., a national nonprofit foundation dedicated to the education and prevention of teenage suicide; and

WHEREAS, Paul G. Summers proudly served in the United States Armed Forces for over thirty-three years as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) Officer in both active and reserve duty with the Air Force, Army and National Guard. He retired with the rank of Colonel in 2005, receiving the National Guard Distinguished Service Medal from Governor Phil Bredesen and the Legion of Merit from President George W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, Paul G. Summers has served both the State of Tennessee and the United States of America with distinction; he is a man of integrity and a responsible citizen who has always sought to serve the common good; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that this Legislative Body does hereby elect Paul G. Summers originally from Fayette County and now of Nashville to serve as a member of the nominating commission to select candidates for the Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation for a six (6) year term that will expire on January 1, 2016.